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1. The Rostock (M 55/0 81) Volkspolizei numbered about 1,500 in mid-March 1950. They underwent intensive infantry training. A 32-man platoon was armed with 3 machine guns (Model 34), 8 carbines, 17 submachine guns and a number of bazookas (Panzerfaust).

2.a. Thirty VP personnel were seen at rifle drill at Barnstorfer Feld near Rostock on 17 March 1950.

b. About 150 VP personnel in the same area practiced with rifles, machine guns, three medium mortars and three battery commander's telescopes on 23 March 1950.

c. A VP unit of 650 to 700 men marched to the Fuesilier Kaserne on 24 March 1950. The unit was preceded by a band of platoon strength and a color bearer. The Putlitz Kaserne on Memelerstrasse was also occupied by VP units.*

* Comment: The two barracks were repeatedly reported to be occupied by VP personnel. It has not been established, however, which of the barracks are occupied by the 2nd VP Bereitschaft and which one by the VP school. Indications are that the 2nd VP Bereitschaft may be in the Fuesilier Kaserne.

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